

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A multi-media surveillance system having a plurality of sensors each adapted to produce an IP sensor signal when activated, the IP sensor signal adapted for being transmitted over an IP network to a remote monitor station for managing the signal to provide surveillance data to authorized personnel, the system comprising:
 - a. an biometric data collection device adapted for converting the collected data to an IP protocol for generating a biometric signal for distribution over a network;
 - b. a remote station for receiving and managing the biometric data.
2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a server at the remote station for receiving and managing the biometric data.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the biometric collection device is an image collector.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein the image collector is a camera for collecting a facial image and wherein the biometric data is a facial image data.
5. The system of claim 4, further including a plurality of cameras throughout a network for collecting facial image data throughout the network.
6. The system of claim 3, including a server at the remote station for receiving and managing the facial image data.
7. The system of claim 6, the server including a facial image data base and adapted for comparing the facial image data with data in the facial image data base.

8. The system of claim 6, the remote station adapted for sending and receiving facial image data to a third party controlled data base.
9. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote station is a wireless monitor.
10. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote station is a PDA.
11. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote station is a desktop personal computer.
12. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote station is a laptop computer.
13. The system of claim 1, further including an access control device responsive to an activation signal and wherein the control device is activated upon confirmation of biometric data collected by the biometric collector.
14. The system of claim 1, the remote station further including a system map database and a display monitor for displaying the system map, the map including an icon for identifying the location of the biometric data collection device.
15. The system of claim 14, wherein there are a plurality of biometric data collection devices and wherein there is an identifying icon for each of said plurality of biometric data collection devices.
16. The system of claim 15, further including a tracking system for tracking the progress of an individual as he moves from one biometric collection device to the next biometric collection device.
17. The system of claim 2, wherein there is further included a storage device for archiving the collected data.

18. The system of claim 17, the server including a data mining system for mining the archived collected data.